WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A sort system comprising:

2   a sort controller receiving a plurality of

3   information items regarding content,

4   wherein the sort controller sorts the information

5   items using a current user task context and a content type

6   for the information items to select one or more sort keys

7   for sorting the information items.

1   2.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2   selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

3   preferences for the current user task context and the

4   content type.

1   3.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2   selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   4.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   5.   The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2   plurality of information items are displayed in an order

3   determined by the sort controller together with a user

4   control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

5   under the primary sort key.

1   6.   An audio/video receiver comprising:

2   an input for receiving content and a plurality of

3   information items regarding the content; and

4   a sort controller receiving and sorting the

5   information items using a current user task context and a

6   content type for the information items to select one or

7   more sort keys for sorting the information items.

1   7.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2   wherein the selected sort keys are derived from user

3   sorting preferences for the current user task context and

4   the content type.

1   8.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2   wherein the selected sort keys include a primary sort key

3   selected by the user and a secondary sort key selected

4   based on a nature of the current user task context inferred

5   from the primary sort key selected by the user.

1   9.   The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2   wherein a change in the current user task context is

3   inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   10. The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2 wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in

3 an order determined by the sort controller together with a

4 user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent

5 values under the primary sort key.

1   11. A sorting method comprising:

2   receiving content and a plurality of information

3   items regarding the content; and

4   sorting the information items using a current

5   user task context and a content type for the information

6   items to select one or more sort keys for sorting the

7   information items.

1   12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the

2   selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

3   preferences for the current user task context and the

4   content type.

1   13. The method according to claim 11, wherein the

2   selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   14. The method according to claim 11, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   15. The method according to claim 11, further

2   comprising:

3   displaying the plurality of information items are

4   displayed in an order determined by sorting using the

5   primary and secondary sort keys together with a user

6   control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

7   under the primary sort key.

1   16.   A signal comprising:

2   an ordered listing of information items,

3   wherein the ordered listing is derived by sorting

4   a plurality of information items using a current user task

5   context and a content type for the information items to

6   select one or more sort keys for sorting the information

7   items.

1   17.   The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2   selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

3   preferences for the current user task context and the

4   content type.

1   18.   The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2   selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3   the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4   nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5   primary sort key selected by the user.

1   19.   The signal according to claim 16, wherein a

2   change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3   change of the primary sort key by the user.

1   20. The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2 ordered listing is adapted for generating a display of the

3 ordered listing of information items in an order determined

4 by sorting using the primary and secondary sort keys

5 together with a user control calibrated to groupings having

6 equivalent values under the primary sort key.